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# TEMPORARY WORKERS HOUSING FACILITY (BARRACKS) COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

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## **Introduction**

In response to this Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic that has been an unprecedented global crisis, Modern International, Inc. is prompted to level up its standard housing facility practices to fight and resist the spread of this virus.

Modern International, Inc.'s temporary housing facility occupants will work together as a team with the assigned Superintendent, Gerard De Leon. All directives concerning COVID-19 will be supported, along with the guidance from Government of Guam, Department of Health and Social Services (DPHSS) and Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Modern International, Inc. management team continually monitors credible federal and local government websites dedicated to sharing information about the COVID-19 crisis then transmit information to each unit occupants of the Temporary Housing (Barracks), through the assigned housing Safety & Health Superintendent.

## **Background**

Coronavirus Disease 2019(COVID-19) is a virus that caused respiratory illness that can spread from person to person through droplets and now escalated to Airborne because of the volume of cases now in Guam. This virus was first identified during an investigation in Wuhan, China, and drastically spreading all over the world, from one person to another who are in close contact with each other within 6 feet through respiratory droplets produced when infected person coughs or sneezes or by touching surfaces or object that has virus on it and then touching their mouth or nose and possibly the eyes areas.

As COVID-19 is a new disease, the experts are making new developments every day, so it is crucial for Modern International, Inc. to refine our response regularly as new information is received.

### **COVID-19 Key Characteristics:**

Symptoms are: Fever of 100.4 F or above, cough, sore throat, fatigue, and shortness of breath. It could spread from person to person through close contact with an infectious person, contact with their droplets from a cough or sneeze, or direct contact. The virus can spread with surfaces (e.g. doorknobs or tables) contaminated by droplets. We can protect ourselves by practice of good hygiene to protect against infections. Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds. Use a tissue and cover your mouth and nose when you cough and sneeze. Avoid close contact with others. Maintain a 6 foot "Social Distancing". If you become unwell, seek urgent medical attention. Call ahead of time to book an appointment and tell your doctor if you have been in close contact with someone who has been ill or have travelled recently. There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but medical care can help with the symptoms. Currently no vaccination, but scientists from around the world are working on developing a vaccine. The World Health Organization (WHO) believes this may be available very soon.

## **Coronavirus Facts:**

1. For most people, the immediate risk of becoming ill from the virus that causes COVID-19 is low. Adults 60 years old and older and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more serious complications from COVID-19.
2. The risk of transmission in outdoor, open air environments goes down significantly.
3. Cleaning surfaces with an approved disinfectant is very effective at removing the virus.
4. Scientists and medical professionals expect the spread of Coronavirus to last for the next 12 to 18 months and possibly longer.
5. The Coronavirus which causes COVID-19 disease has been confirmed to come from animals. It is not manufactured biological weapon.
6. 80% of people have mild or no symptoms of illness.
7. 5-8% with coronavirus have serious health complications.
8. Currently, experts estimate the death rate will be less than 1%. Death rate is the number of people who are expected to die out of confirmed cases.
9. People who have completed quarantine or have been released from isolation do not pose a risk of infection to other people.

Based on information and guidance from sources including Guam Department of Public Health & Social Services, and the Center for Disease Control, Modern International, Inc. has implemented the following precautionary measures:

1. To the greatest extent possible, all housing occupants shall wear masks, will practice “Social Distancing” and observe the “6 Foot Rule”. Implementation of social distancing includes:
  - a. Maximize communication using remote means such as telephone, radio, text messaging, email, chat group apps and housing bulletin boards, even they are just next door to each other.
  - b. Limit ride sharing in project vehicles. If the vehicle must transport passengers, the number should be limited. Recommend 1 passenger per trip, seated as far from driver as possible, windows down, or one seat apart when using company vans or mini bus.
2. Implement hygienic housing practices. Measures to improve sanitary conditions include:
  - a. Continually encourage occupants to “self-isolate” at the first sign of flulike symptoms or close personal contact with persons exhibiting those symptoms
    - i. Notify assigned housing Superintendent by phone.
    - ii. Contact healthcare provider or Guam DPHSS for guidance
  - b. Wash hands with soap & water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer frequently. Especially important before meals and after using the restroom
  - c. Avoid touching your face, especially mouth, nose and eyes

- d. Cough and sneeze into the crooks of your arm
  - e. Avoid physical contact, no handshakes or fist bumps
  - f. Wear gloves (nitrile or standard work gloves)
  - g. Discontinue collections of signatures at all meetings. Shared use of pens, pencils and electronics, such as iPads, is highly discouraged.
  - h. All occupants are assigned as cleaners. Cleaners are provided paper towels & disinfectant to wipe commonly touched surfaces. Target areas include:
    - i. Doors and kitchen cabinet handles
    - ii. Nonporous surfaces such as countertops
  - i. Procure & distribute the following:
    - i. Hand sanitizer
    - ii. Nitrile gloves
    - iii. N95 respirators
    - iv. Disinfectant spray bottles
    - v. Paper towels
3. Practice the principles of “Speak Up/Listen Up” throughout the workday until arriving at the housing facility and while staying at the facility. If you observe questionable or risky behavior, have respectful conversation with that person. If you are on the receiving end be thankful some cared enough to highlight a potential problem.
4. Encourage all workers to implement the following preventative measures at the housing facility:
- a. When returning the housing area, remove work clothes and shower as soon as possible
  - b. Consider not carpooling with coworkers unless from the same household or by implementing “No Conversation” while carpooling with open windows.
  - c. Restrict going out to essential shopping, grocery stores, gas station, post office, etc.
  - d. Limit personal contact with others, especially those in high-risk categories such as the elderly or persons with underlying medical conditions
  - e. Maintain a healthy lifestyle, eat well balanced meals, drink plenty of water, exercise and get plenty of sleep.
5. There is one(1) each 2-bedroom unit that is not occupied and it will be designated as the Isolation Room to quarantine asymptomatic or isolate tested positive workers.
- a. Should some occupants been tested positive, depending on the count, they will be using the isolation room while waiting directives from the DPHSS.
  - b. If all occupants in one unit is tested positive, then they will stay there for isolation, while waiting directives from DPHSS.
  - c. If 2 of the occupants are tested positive, and 2 each are not in one unit, then we will transfer the positive worker to the isolation room. The room where

they come from will be deep cleaned and the remaining 2 negative tested workers can stay.

- d. Otherwise we will group the workers into 3 groups, the tested Negative workers, Asymptomatic workers at the Quarantine Area & the tested positive Workers to the Isolation Room.
- e. Those who are tested negative shall keep distance with the asymptomatic.
- f. Asymptomatic workers shall seek medical attention or shall be scheduled for COVID testing.
- g. Tested positive workers shall be governed by the directives of the Department of Public Health and Social Services.
- h. For those who become sick shall seek medical attention as soon as possible.

### **Information Sources:**

Guam Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPHSS)

DPHSS Website: (<http://dphss.guam.gov/2019-novel-coronavirus-2019-n-cov/>),

World Health Organization (WHO)

WHO Website: (<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>)

Center of Disease Control (CDC)

CDC Website: (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-n-CoV/index.html>)

All project personnel are encouraged to monitor these websites

### **Review & Update**

As new information and guidance concerning COVID-19 is received. Modern International, Inc. will amend this plan as required.